4-H FISHING CONTEST- Ray Phelps, an Appomattox County 4-H'er, is shown above with 2 lb. 2 oz. bass entered in the Appomattox County 4-H Fishing Contest which is sponsored by White's Auto Store. Any Appomattox County 4-H'er may enter the contest which continues until October 15.

Promise Land Homecoming Services Sucessful

The annual Homecoming services of the Promiseland Baptist Church last Sunday proved to be one of its most successful in several years. The special guest was the Thomas Memorial Church of N. E. Washington, D. C. The pastor, Rev. Paul W. Brown and his Gospel chorus and Young Peoples choir rendered beautiful music for the morning and afternoon services. A large number of homecomers and visiting friends from local churches were present. The afternoon service was high lighted with a special financial drive for the benefit of the building fund. The following leaders reported the following amounts: Mrs. Margaret Forest $328.31; Mrs. Eloise Robinson, $263.00; Deacon R. G. Fleshman, $275.72; Deacon Clarence Wheeler, $161.00; Mrs. Annie Harvey, $139.44; Deacon Henry Lee Fleshman, $137.00; Mrs. Martha H. Eubanks, $110.00; Mrs. Thelma Hancock, $110.00; Mrs. Lorraine Booker, $100.00; and Mr. John Browder, $68.72. The total homecoming gifts $2345.90. The Rev. Roger Ford is the revivalist for the week.

The senior choir of the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church will celebrate its anniversary this Sunday evening at 7 P.M. The Appomattox Trumpeters will be the special guests. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Regular preaching service will be held at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral services for the late Mr. James Daye at the Mount Airy Baptist Church last Saturday at 2 P.M. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Sr. served as master of ceremony. Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. acknowledged the telegrams, cards and resolutions. Music was rendered by the senior choir. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Martha Pankey and Mr. Hawitha Johnson. The pastor of the church, Rev. H. W. Pryor delivered the eulogy. Burial was conducted in the family cemetery. West Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Artis Burrgess, Mr. McKinely Lewis of Washington D. C. and Mrs. Mary Ellen Hunter and sons of Pennsylvania were the guests of their sister and aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Lawing during the Springfield annual homecoming service.

Mr. Harry Pannell is on the sick list.

Mrs. Maggie Tibbs is on the sick list.

Churches are reminded of the local contest sponsored by the NAACP.

The Mount Obed Baptist Church will hold its Homecoming on the second Sunday in September.

Mrs. Evelyn Berry has returned to her home here after spending a vacation with her children in Washington, D. C.

PAMPLIN

The Pamplin Ruritan Club held the annual family and friends picnic Tuesday night at Seven Springs, farm of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coleman.

Mrs. S. P. Bailey has returned to her home in Darlington Heights after a visit with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bailey in Chicago, Ill., and the Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Sears in Newton Falls, Ohio.

Mr. Watson Cumby of Alexandria, Va. visited friends last Saturday.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Maxwell were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stanier and daughter Robin of Rocky Mount, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rooke, Richmond, Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Maxwell of Saxe, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Williams, Jr. and family returned last week after a visit with Mrs. Williams sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. John Ligon on the Eastern Shore.

Concord, A Bird Sanctuary

Mrs. James Hammond of the Concord Garden Club explains meaning of a Bird Sanctuary to Karen Riddlebarger, Susan Watkins, and Hunter Booth, left to right on front row, and Roberta Booth and Julie Riddlebarger, left to right on the back row.

Since early summer, Concord has been designated as A Bird Sanctuary. The Concord Garden Club had a Bird Committee consisting of Mrs. James Hammond, chairperson; and Mrs. Charles Graf that worked through the proper steps and got the approval of the Campbell County Board of Supervisors.

This committee used several methods of informing the public about what is meant by A Bird Sanctuary. The committee worked throught the Fifth Grades of Concord Elementary School. A slide presentation on birds was made by Mrs. R. E. Rickets, a member of Lynchburg Bird Club. This was followed by a Poster Contest. Special emphasis was put on protection of birds from stray dogs, cats, and unlawful shooting, and how to feed birds, especially in the winter by planting berry bearing trees and shrubs for both food and shelter. Also, the beauty of birds and their songs was emphasized.

The Poster Contest was held in the Spring and ribbons were presented to the winners on Awards Day at the Concord Elementary School. All posters were placed in such places as local churches, service stations and stores. The posters were judged by the Senior Citizens of Concord under the supervision of Mrs. Dewey Booth.

Poster Contest winners were: 1st place, Scott Tweedy and Cabell Crowther; 2nd place Charlie Jackson; 3rd place, Mike Compton. There were four runners-up, Laura Booth, Stephanie Goff, Barbara Wright, and David Foster.

There is fun in being a "bird watcher." Are you one who shares in such fun?

ROCKS

ROCKS - Aug. 29: We here are all so glad to see the showers of rain that we needed so much. Pastures and lawns look like new places since these few rains that came recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Franklin and Randy and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dickerson and Donna and Ricky spent last weekend in Berkley, West Virginia visiting relatives. They also attended the family reunion of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Dickerson of Odd, West Virginia.

Several went to the Rest Home at Keysville on Tuesday night.

Glad to hear Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge is back from the hospital.

A number from here attended the Sarah Baldwin Gallier funeral in Lynchburg Wednesday afternoon. Sympathy is extended the family.

A large number from here attended the Youth Retreat at Holiday Lake Friday night and Saturday. Thanks to those who worked so hard to make it a success, to those who brought food and to those who gave of themselves.

The Stewart reunion was held at Old Rocks Sunday. A number attended.

A number attended the Cheatham funeral at Evergreen Sunday afternoon.

Sympathy is extended Frances Dickerson in the death of her father over the weekend.

A new member orientation will begin on September 11th. Make plans to be present for each session.

The Rocks Extension Homemakers Club will meet September 1 with Louise Roach at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder attended a Homecoming at Sharon on Sunday. Misses Patricia and Joanne Elder, Cindy and Debbie Roach and Melinda McIntosh rendered special music for the service there.

It was good to have Brothr Jay Stewart to our pulpit here on Sunday.

It you didn't see the movie "He Restoreth My Soul" you missed a lot.

A number went to Elon Sunday night to see the play, "The Clown" that was well presented.

Toby Inge and Kermit Paulette joined the group at a horse show in West Virginia last week for a few days.

Larry Williams and son, Steve of Waynesboro were in the neighborhood awhile last week cutting some winter wood.

C. V. Wilbun will preach at Rocks this Sunday for the morning and night service.

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Alberta Sanchez, a child sent home to die, is offered new hope upon examination by M. Page, M.D. (l) in Father Madina's (r) boys' home in Cali, Colombia.

Children, Inc. Offers New Hope

Nine-year-old Alberto Sanchez was sent home to die. He never knew his father, and was abandoned by his mother when his stepfather rejected him because he was ill. He might have died a year ago in the streets of his native Cali, in Colombia, South America. Today, he is fighting for life at a hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

In Cali, the police found him wandering the streets and took him to someone who would accept him, despite his disability - a congenitally defective heart. That someone was Father Luis Madina, a gentle Catholic priest from Spain who has devoted his life to rescuing homeless, destitute boys. At Mi Casa Boys' Home, which Father Madina founded on the outskirts of Cali, Alberto joined some 200 other boys.

Despite his frail body, starving for lack of oxygen, Alberto was found by Father Madina to be perky and active. But as he grew, the strain on his crippled heart worsened. He frequently had to take advantage of the free hospitalization provided for the boys of Mi Casa.

A heart operation might solve his medical problems. But such an operation, performed by no medical centers near Cali, was far beyond his reach.

So Alberto waited at Mi Casa to die.

That was the situation when two Richmond doctors, Dr. Sidney Grey Page, Jr., a retired internist, and his wife, Dr. M. Jane Page, a pediatrician, also retired, first saw Alberto. Serving as vice-president and a board member of Children, Incorporated, a Richmond based charitable organization which assists needy children in 24 countries, Dr. Page and his wife were accompanying Mrs. Jeanne Clarke Wood, president of the organization and its Latin America director, Miss Elvia Damani, on a tour of the organization's affiliated orphanages and schools in Colombia and Peru.

When they first saw Alberto he was the only occupant of a long row of beds in the dormitory at Mi Casa. As they approached the child, Father Madina explained that everything possible had been done.

"Only a miracle could save Alberto," he said.

Alberto's illness had clubbed his fingers and toes, the lack of oxygen turning the skin under his nails blue. His weight at nine years of age was 35 pounds.

The Drs. Page had seen many other desperately needy children on this trip which took them into deeply impoverished areas. But Alberto, lying motionless on his bed, had been unable to eat or drink for two days. His thin legs were drawn up in a protective position and his dark eyes seemed to be filled with the knowledge of his own near death. The two doctors gently examined him while asking questions of Father Madina.

"We can't let him die like this," Dr. Jane Page said. Dr. Sidney agreed.

In Father Madina's office the doctors discussed the only possible treatment for what they believed to be a congenital heart deformation called tetralogy - where four major defects exist simultaneously. Without surgery to correct the multiple defects, Alberto would die.

The Pages arranged to bring Alberto and Father Madina, who also needs medical attention, to Richmond where Alberto is now at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals and Father Madina is being cared for at St. Mary's Hospital and the Henrico Doctor's Hospital.

The doctors in Cali worked day and night to infuse Alberto with enough strength to make the journey. Before he could leave he developed meningitis, which was treated successfully.

With the help of Children, Inc., the Pages enlisted the help of Eastern Airlines and Lan Chili Airlines in providing transportation to Richmond, the Medical College of Virginia Foundation in paying for part of Alberto's hospital stay, the Richmond physicians in donating their services, and St. Mary's Hospital in providing accommodations and diagnostic services for Father Madina.

The miracle Father Madina had hoped for Alberto has not been easy in its coming. After admission to MCV, doctors found a large brain abscess which had to be drained. Now, Alberto may be hospitalized for two months or longer before doctors can perform the heart surgery.

Also, diagnostic tests have shown that Father Madina is suffering from a pituitary tumor which must be removed. The process involves microscopic surgery.

Children, Incorporated is launching a fund raising campaign to help pay the bill for Alberto's unanticipated, extended medical care and to defray the costs of Father Madina's recovery. Contributions should be addressed to Children, Incorporated, P.O. Box 5361, Richmond, Va. 23220.

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One Day Tours

A giant steam locomotive which pulled the 1976 American Freedom Train will be used to move five public excursion trains through Virginia during September.

The excursion train trips are being offered by the Chessie System in connection with the celebration of its sesquicentennial anniversary year. Several of the trips will operate over C&O lines which have not seen regular or special passenger trains in several years.

On Monday, September 12, the train will run from Clifton Forge to Richmond by way of the scenic James River line. Buses will leave Richmond early in the morning to connect with the train at Clifton Forge, & a weekend package trip leaving Sunday, September 11, including a ride on the Alleghany Central Railroad at Covington will be available.

On Saturday and Sunday, September 17 & 18, the train will make a round-trip from Richmond to Balcony Falls each day, using the James River line. These trips include a portion of the route formerly traveled by the Autumn Leaf Specials each year, up the James River Valley and throught the Gorge of the James at Snowden in the Blue Ridge Mountains. A diesel locomotive will haul the train west of Gladstone, and a chartered bus connection from Newport News to Richmond and return is available.

F.R.C.C. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY SET - Club Professional Warren P. Moser, left, shows Floyd Fleshman, Jr., Golf Activities Committee Chairman, two of the trophies to be presented at the conclusion of tournament play Monday. The trophy at left will go to the winner of the Championship Flight while the winner of the first flight will claim the trophy on the right.

The awards sub-committee, G. H. Jamerson, Jr., Chairman, Warren P. Moser and J. Richard Guill received all trophies and prizes and have them on display at the club.

Don't forget the social by the pool Saturday night for all members of the club. Music by Frank Coffey.

Tournament play will start with the firing of the shotgun promptly at 8:30 Saturday morning.

On Saturday, September 24, the excursion train will originate in Newport News and run through Richmond to Charlottesville and return, over the route formerly used by the "George Washington" passenger train. A diesel locomotive will be used from Newport News to Richmond.

The final trip of the series will be a one-way run from Newport News and Richmond to Baltimore, by way of Gordonsville and Alexandria, on Sunday, September 25. Again, diesel locomotives will take the train to Richmond, where the steam locomotive will be put on for the remainder of the run. A connection will be made at Alexandria for passengers to return to Richmond, Williamsburg, and Newport News on Amtrak's "Colonial" train.

Opening under the theme "150 Years of Progress," the Chessie Steam Specials have been assembled and made available to the public as part of the celebration of the founding of the C&O's sister railroad, the Baltimore and Ohio, in 1827.

The train has been running over the Chessie System lines in the Northeast during the summer months, and had drawn large crowds for each run. Painted yellow with a bright orange stripe, the train consists of open-window coaches, air-conditioned coaches, and a parlor observation car for first class passengers.

The steam locomotive was leased by the Chessie System after it spent a year pulling the 1976 American Freedom train through the northeastern states. The locomotive is one of the largest coal-burning steam locomotives remaining operational in the United States. Each run will have a photo stop to give everyone a chance to photograph the locomotive and train.

Tickets for the Chessie Steam Specials are available in Richmond at Miller & Rhoads downtown store and at the Whistle Stop Train Shop at Chippenham and Forest Hill. In Newport News, tickets may be purchased at the Miller & Rhoads Newmarket North store, and in Norfolk tickets are available at the Toy Craft Hobby Shop, 3904 Granby Street. The trips are co-sponsored in Virginia by the Old Dominion Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

Full information, including connecting bus and train fares, may be obtained by sending a postcard or letter to the Old Dominion Chapter, N. R. H. S., P. O. Box 8583, Richmond, Virginia 23226.

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